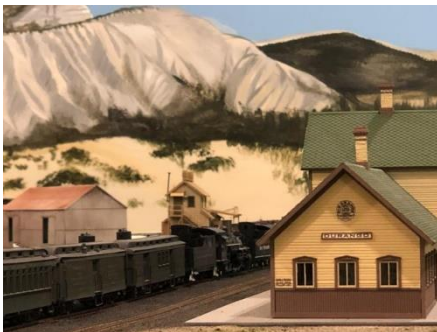




Rio Grande Southern

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- Style: Prototype RGS and D&RGW Silverton Branch
- 1940 Late Summer/Early Fall
- Scale: HO_n3
- Size: 1,000 sqft
- % Completed: Track 100%
- % Scenery: 80%
- Control: NCE DCC
- Features: Operations oriented. Durango, a focal point on the layout, contains a scratchbuilt model of the 10-stall roundhouse as it existed in 1940, and the necessary coal, sand, ash, and water facilities.



The model railroad includes portions of the entire line from Ridgway, Colorado to Durango, Colorado. Additionally, a small representation of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Silverton Branch is included. Rico, a division point on the prototype as well as the layout, contains a scratchbuilt model of the Pro Patria Mill, as well as a connection to the seldom-modeled Enterprise Branch. The Enterprise Branch is a freelanced addition on a second level, added for operational challenges. Iconic locations, including Ophir, Vance Junction, and Placerville are also included. The Telluride Branch, which connects to the main line at Vance Junction is also included on a second level. This branch serves the mining community of Telluride, and the major mines and mills located above in Pandora. The railroad terminates in the town of Ridgway, where a roundhouse, turntable and complete engine servicing facilities are located. The layout, and its predecessor (dismantled upon my retirement and relocation to North Carolina) have been featured in the *Narrow Gauge and Shortline Gazette* and *Great Model Railroads* 2014.